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Dr. Gerhard Kothmann
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Dear Dr. Kothmann:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service conducted an on-site audit of Germany's meat inspection system from October 31 through November 21, 2000. Enclosed is a copy of the final audit report. Germany's comments on the draft final audit report have been included as an attachment to the enclosed final audit report.

If you have any questions regarding the audit or need additional information, please contact Ms. Sally Stratmoen, Chief of Equivalence, International Policy Staff. Her telephone number is (202) 720-3781 and her fax number is (202) 690-4040. She can also be reached by email at sally.stratmoen@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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